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MAILED Ex parte MASAO NOGUCHI, AKIHIKO NAKASHIMA,
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Appeal No. 2004-0672
Application No. 09/894,704

COMMUNICATION

On December 30, 2003, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter the Board) mailed an Order Returning Undocketed Appeal (Paper No. 19) wherein the Board ordered the examiner to provide a full-text English translation of Japanese Patent No. 10-28656 to Shirai. On January 15, 2004, this application was returned to the Board. A review of the application reveals that the examiner has provided a full-text translation of the aforementioned Japanese patent.

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This application is now ready to be assigned to a merits panel who will then decide the appeal and render a decision in due course.

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